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**NEWS RELEASE**

Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, and David Zimmerman, Special Agent in Charge, United States Secret Service, announced that Alvin Patton, age 28, Monte Antones, age 39, and Kevin Moses, age 21, were sentenced Friday by United States District Judge Robert E. Payne on fraud charges. Patton was sentenced to 51 months incarceration on conspiracy to commit bank fraud, social security fraud and credit card fraud. In addition, he was ordered to pay restitution to his victims in the amount of \$109,127.57. Antones was sentenced to 37 months incarceration on conspiracy to commit bank fraud, social security fraud and credit card fraud. Antones was also ordered to pay restitution to his victims in the amount of \$86,287.33. Moses was sentenced to 21 months incarceration on conspiracy to commit bank fraud and social security fraud and to pass counterfeit checks. Moses was also ordered to pay restitution to his victims in the amount of \$21,840.24.

A fourth defendant, Tanaquil Anderson, age 25, was sentenced by United States District Judge Robert E. Payne on July 19, 2002 to 12 months and a day incarceration on one count of bank larceny. Anderson was also ordered to pay restitution to her victims in the amount of \$2,840.24.

Anderson was employed as a clerk at the Department of Motor Vehicles. At the request of Patton, her boyfriend, she provided fraudulent Virginia drivers licenses to Patton, Antones, and Moses, using legitimate names and social security numbers of real persons. Patton, Antones, and Moses then used the fraudulent licenses to obtain credit to purchase \$68,287.33 in stolen merchandise. The three also used those licenses to obtain \$18,000 in cash at banks used by the victims and fraudulently purchased cars using counterfeit checks. They then attempted to hide the car purchases by transferring the vehicles through several transactions.

“Each year identity theft causes millions of dollars in losses and ruins the credit histories of hundreds of hard-working, honest Virginians. Our office is committed to fighting identity theft and to prosecuting criminals who trade on other people's good names”, said US Attorney McNulty.

The case was investigated by agents of the United States Secret Service and Henrico County Police and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Sara E. Flannery.